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TOPIC C-unit of the 2d Mechanized Regiment of the KVP

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. In late March 1953, source learned from records of the HVKVP that the C unit of the 2d Mecz Regt of the KVP was stationed at Construction Project VI in Karpin, about 3.7 km southeast of Eggesin. The bulk of the regiment was stationed at Premnitz, about 10 km south of Rathenow during the winter and, at the time of information, was moving back to Project VI, where a C unit, a B unit and the reconnaissance battalion had been left during the winter.¹
2. At the time of information, the C unit was organized into the headquarters, 3 tank companies each of 3 firing platoons with a total of 31 T-34/II 85 tanks, one reconnaissance company, and one technical service company, which include one maintenance platoon, one radio platoon and one motor transport platoon. The motor vehicles of the unit included 3 H3a trucks, 5 BMW sedans, 1 commander's car, 2 SIS repair trucks, 1 ambulance, and seven 350-ccm BMW motorcycles. Small arms of the unit included 30 rifles, 90 submachine guns and 35 pistols, all of which were Soviet-made. Canvas-covered equipment stored at the ordnance yard, about 500 meters south of the project, included the abovementioned 31 tanks and also 22 armored scout cars and 32 guns of various sizes, mainly 76.2-mm guns.¹
3. Officers assigned and superior to the unit and charged with major responsibilities included Lieutenant Colonel Siegfried Weiss, commander of the Eggesin Div; Major Franke (fnu), commander of the 2d Mecz Regt; Major Fischer (fnu), political officer of the 2d Mecz Regt; Captain Rotkohl (fnu), chief of staff of the 2d Mecz Regt; Captain Massberg (fnu), supply officer of the 2d Mecz Regt; Senior Lieutenant Scharff (fnu), fuel and lubricants officer of the 2d Mecz Regt; Senior Lieutenant Seifert (fnu), commander of the C unit, Senior Lieutenant Hartmann (fnu), political officer of the C unit; Lieutenant Glaser (fnu), chief of staff of the C unit; Lieutenant Teusche (fnu), technical service officer of the C unit; and Lieutenant Goldberg (fnu), director of training of the C unit. All instruction officers were trained at the tank school at Priemer Wald prior to late 1952.¹

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Comment. The tank battalion (C unit) of the 1st Mecz Regt, which was in winter billets in Schwerin, was also stationed at Karpin. The information on weapons, organization and personalities generally agrees with statements by deserters and other records.

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